

RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

Wyoming Board of Agriculture Minutes
November 4, 2004
UW College of Agriculture Conference Room, Laramie, WY

Members Present: Alan Todd, President
Helen Jones, Vice President
Arlene Brown
Spencer Ellis
Lee Otto
Meghan Lally
John Etchepare, Director, WY Dept. of Agriculture
Frank Galey, Dean, UW College of Agriculture

Youth Leadership Advisory: Ryan Ells
Emily Horton
David Largent
Leif Udem

Members Absent: Reed Gardner
Ryan Lance, Governor Freudenthal's Office

WDA Staff Present: Jim Schwartz, Deputy Director
Muff Parker, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Todd at 8:25 a.m. on November 4, 2004.

Approval of Minutes

Brown moved to approve the August 20 minutes and the August 31, 2004 conference calls with the correction of noting the attendance of Leif Udem to the August 31 conference call. Seconded by Ellis. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Board Discussion

Alan said the emergency rules for the seed lab pricing are in effect and the new rule is out for comment. Jim Schwartz explained the rules process. Alan would like to see the comment notice be published in the Tri-state News and the Wyoming Livestock Roundup. Helen wanted a little background on the water quality grant requests they would be voting on later. Jim Schwartz reviewed the history and suggested perhaps, changing the rating process of the grants. The Board wants Bobbie Frank to present information on each round of grant requests. They would also like a spread sheet to show the ranking of all applications. Jones would also like copies of other states' Board functions. She would also like industry leaders at all meetings and would like to have a meeting in late January or early February. **Brown moved to have the next meeting on February 8, 9, and 10 to discuss policies and issues in Cheyenne. Seconded by Jones. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Dr. Galey gave an update from the Governor's Brucellosis Coordination Committee (GBCC). He indicated Dr. Logan is doing some follow-up on the herd from Gillette that had been tested positive for Brucellosis. He feels there may have been an error in the testing. The

GBCC is recommending help to the Gillette rancher whose herd has been quarantined. The GBCC has several recommendation in draft form to be finalized and submitted to the Governor before the end of the year. He also thanked John and Muff for their help in ensuring the success of the GBCC.

Emily updated the Board on the FFA Convention in Louisville, KY. She was given the honor of National Secretary which means she will have to withdrawal from her classes at UW so she can fulfill those duties. She didn't feel it would take to much away from her duties on the Board and the other members said they would work it out.

North Platte River Agreement

John Lawson with the Bureau of Reclamation gave a power presentation to the Board highlighting some of the projects along the Platte River. In 1997 a Cooperative Agreement was signed by the Department of the Interior, Wyoming, Colorado, and Nebraska. The committee that was formed to review, direct, and provide oversight for activities undertaken under the Cooperative Agreement include one member for each state, one for Fish and Wildlife Service, one for BuRec, two environmental members, one representing water users above Lake McConaughy, one above Western Diversion and one for each of the water users below those facilities. The plan is to conserve and recover habitat for target species in the Central Platte River in Nebraska, serve as the reasonable and prudent alternative to offset existing/new water related activities in the basin, and to help prevent the need for listing of additional species.

Water Quality Grants

Brown moved to approve the Monitoring Water Quality Trends in the Kendrick Watershed grant submitted by the Natrona County Conservation District. It was seconded by Otto. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Lally moved to approve the Salt River Watershed Assessment grant submitted by the Star Valley Conservation District. It was seconded by Jones. Discussion followed and it was discovered there was a discrepancy in the budget. Brown moved to amend the motion to approve the grant with a modified budget being presented at the next meeting. Lally seconded. Al voted in favor.

Jones moved to approve the Bitter and Killpecker Creek Watersheds Historical Review and Assessment and Watershed Plan grant submitted by the Sweetwater County Conservation District. Seconded by Brown. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Acceptance of the ASTM Standards

Ken McMillan, Analytical Lab Manager, explained the standards and the need for the Board to approve the acceptance of them. **Brown moved to have an ongoing resolution to: Accept the ASTM Designated Standards regulated in the law and any exceptions made to them, following their publication in the annual book. Seconded by Ellis. Jones voted no with the rest voting yes. Motion carried.**

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Todd, President

Date